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The submission filed under 37 CFR 1.129(a) on 24 August 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because applicants have failed to make an election of species, as required, even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143). Since the submission appears to be a bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. In that reply, please elect a single species from group (i), prion protein degradation indicators; AND a single species from group (ii), evaluation or assay methods; AND a single species from group (iii), prion protein sterilization processes; AND a single species from group (iv), containers in which the efficiency of prion sterilization is to be evaluated. (See original restriction requirement filed on 21 June 2005). The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas Bradrick whose telephone number is (571) 272-8139. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, M. Wityshyn can be reached on (571) 272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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